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A liquor store owner who was lying on the floor with a gun trained on him pulled his own revolver and shot a bandit to death.

The robber, identified by police as Dennis Leon Harris, 23, entered the 14th Avenue Liquor Store at 1811 14th Ave. about 10:30 p.m.

He leaped over the counter and ordered owner Clarence Taylor, 40, and his wife, Ann, to lie on the floor.

Mrs. Taylor, a deaf-mute, could not hear the command and Taylor relayed it in sign language.

Harris aimed a .22 caliber pistol at the pair and began to tug Taylor's wallet from his pocket.

Taylor, who later told police he thought he was about to be

killed, took desperate action.

In a single motion, he rolled over, drew a .38 caliber revolver from his belt and fired point-blank.

Taylor said that, as he shot, he noticed for the first time another man was in the store.

Harris and the second man ran from the store. Taylor followed and fired five more shots.

Harris dropped to the sidewalk in front of the store, dead with a bullet in his chest.

Witnesses said a car sped from the scene, and police are seeking a possible accomplice.

Papers on Harris' body indicated his address was 2220 Sonoma Way, but a brother told coroners' deputies he no longer lived there.